

Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within 30 days of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the **Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.**

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☒ The original *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), **AND**
- ☒ A copy of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): See attachment A

Travel date(s): August 14-17, 2017

Name of accompanying family member (if any): n/a

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING DID NOT INCREASE DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	\$892.76	\$346.08 (including all taxes)	\$85.97 (including all tax, tip, and delivery fees)	\$8 Entry fee for fairgrounds (location of dinner and exhibits on 8/15). Fee did NOT provide access to recreational elements of State Fair.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.):

All meetings and tours facilitated a better understanding of US agriculture and the production and use of renewable fuels such as ethanol and biodiesel.

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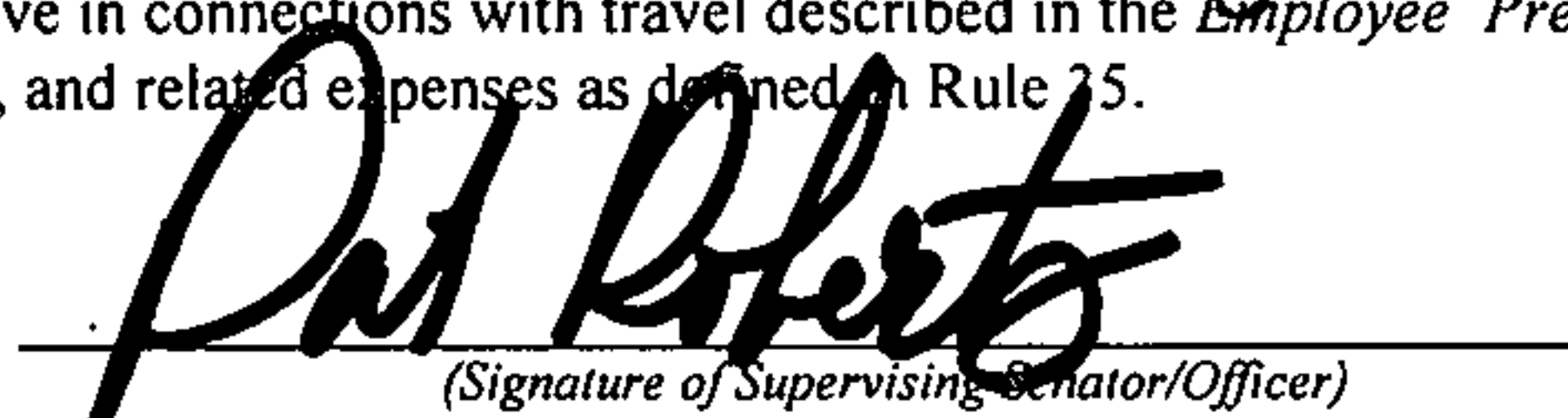
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(Signature of traveler)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

9.5.17
(Date)


(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

ATTACHMENT A

Iowa Renewable Fuels Association

National Biodiesel Foundation

Renewable Fuels Foundation

Iowa Corn Growers Association

Iowa Soybean Association

Iowa Biodiesel Board

Missouri Corn Growers Association

North Dakota Ethanol Council

Renew Kansas

Farm Credit Services of America

Renewable Fuels Nebraska

Kansas Soybean Association

Ames Chamber of Commerce

Golden Grain Energy

Iowa Biotechnology Association

Association Motor Club Marketing

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PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): See Attachment A
2. Description of the trip: See Attachment B
3. Dates of travel: August 14-17, 2017
4. Place of travel: Des Moines, Huxley, Mason City, Clear Lake, Nevada, and Ames (in Iowa)
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: See Attachment C
6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:
 - ☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.
 - = OR =**
 - ☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.

= AND =

☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I *certify* that:
 - ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
 - = AND =**
 - ☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

- OR -

☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

- OR -

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

All sponsors have contributed to planning the Tour, and all sponsors will serve as hosts and/or presenters for different parts of the Tour.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:
See Attachment D

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:
See Attachment E

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15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

See Attachment F

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	\$800 (airfare and bus)	\$309	\$72	\$8 - Entry fee for fairgrounds (location of dinner and exhibits on 8/14). Fee does not provide access to recreational elements of Fair.

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

The trip involves events that are arranged or organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

Iowa is the heart of corn/soybean/renewable fuels production and research, thereby allowing the Tour to visit a wide range of informative locations in a timely manner.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

See Attachment G

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

Reasonable price for the time of year and location in close proximity to Tour events.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

See Attachment H.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

All travel (air and bus) will be coach class.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

N/A

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (You must include the completed signature block below for each travel sponsor.):

Signature of Travel Sponsor: _____

Name and Title: _____

Name of Organization: See Attachment I

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

ATTACHMENT A

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors):

Iowa Renewable Fuels Association

National Biodiesel Foundation

Renewable Fuels Foundation

Iowa Corn Growers Association

Iowa Soybean Association

Iowa Biodiesel Board

Missouri Corn Growers Association

North Dakota Ethanol Council

Renew Kansas

Farm Credit Services of America

Renewable Fuels Nebraska

Kansas Soybean Association

Ames Chamber of Commerce

Golden Grain Energy

Iowa Biotechnology Association

Association Motor Club Marketing

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ATTACHMENT B

2. Description of the trip:

To enhance first-hand knowledge of agriculture, energy, and environmental issues by touring ethanol and biodiesel production facilities, family farms, manufacturing facilities, and research centers; and meeting with local, state and national experts to discuss ag and renewable fuels operations and policies.

Attachment C

5. Name and title of Senate invitees.

Name	Title	Senate Office
Aaron Goldner	Energy LA	Sheldon Whitehouse RI
Aaron Suntag	Energy LA	Debbie Stabenow MI
Abby Tinsley	Energy LA	Bill Nelson FL
Adam Hechavarria	Energy LA	Todd Young IN
Adam Tarr	Energy LA	Bob Casey PA
Adam Zipkin	Energy LA	Cory Booker NJ
Adrian Deveny	Energy LA	Jeff Merkley OR
Adrienne Wojciechowski	Energy LA	Patrick Leahy VT
Alec Kennedy	Legislative Aide	Chuck Grassley (IA)
Ali Nouri	Legislative Assistant	Al Franken MN
Alison McGuire	Professional Staff	Committee on Budget
Allison Martin	Energy LA	Lamar Alexander TN
Amanda Tharpe	Energy LA	Mike Rounds SD
Ana Unruh Cohen	Energy LA	Edward Markey MA
Andrea Hechavarria	Energy LA	Joni Ernst IA
Andrew Brandt	Ag LA	Chuck Grassley (IA)
Andrew Healey	Legislative Assistant	Joni Ernst (IA)
Andrew Siracuse	Tax	John Cornyn
Andrew Terp	Energy LA	Todd Young IN
Andrew Vlasaty	Committee	Pat Roberts
Andrew Wallace	Legislative Director	Tom Udall
Andrew Williams	Ag LA	Dean Heller NV
Anna Yu	Energy LA	Richard Blumenthal CT
Anne Knapke	Energy LA	Amy Klobuchar MN
Anthony Sedillo	Legislative Assistant	Tom Udall NM
Artie Mandel	Tax	Maria Cantwell
Arun Revana	Legislative Assistant	Brian Schatz (HI)
Aubrey Vaughan	Energy LA	Rand Paul KY
Ausitn Smithson	Energy LA	Ted Cruz TX
Barb Mulkey	Energy LA	Rand Paul KY
Bart Massey	Tax	Mike Enzi WY
Becca Ward	Legislative Assistant	Jeff Merkley OR
Ben Reinke	Professional Staff	Committee on Energy
Benjamin Rhodeside	Energy LA	Tammy Duckworth IL
Bentley Johnson	Energy LA	Gary Peters MI
Beth Bell	Tax	Benjamin Cardin MD
Blaise Sheridan	Energy LA	Al Franken MN

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Darren Parker	Deputy Legislative Director	Jim Risch ID
David Bennett	Energy LA	John McCain AZ
David Milstein	Legislative Assistant	Ted Cruz (TX)
David Weinberg	Legislative Assistant	Gary Peters MI
Dayne Cutrell	Energy LA	Richard Shelby AL
Derrick Morgan	Legislative Assistant	Ben Sasse NE
Devin Mogler	Legislative Assistant	Joni Ernst (IA)
Dixie Morrison	Legislative Assistant	Dianne Feinstein
Donald Pollard	Legislative Correspondent	Tim Kaine VA
Ed Cox	Energy LA	Orrin Hatch UT
Elizabeth Falcone	Energy LA	Mark Warner VA
Elizabeth Herman	Tax	Claire McCaskill
Ellen Beares	Energy LA	Roger Wicker MS
Emily Enderle	Legislative Assistant	Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)
Ephraim Froehlich	Legislative Assistant	Lisa Murkowski AK
Eric Deeble	Legislative Assistant	Kirsten Gillibrand NY
Eric Slee	Legislative Assistant	Pat Roberts (KS)
Erica Anhalt	Legislative Assistant	Jeanne Shaheen NH
Erik Elam	Legislative Assistant	Committee on Environment and Public Works Committee
Flin Hyre	Legislative Correspondent	Pat Roberts (KS)
Franz Wuerfmannsdobler	Energy LA	Chris Coons DE
Gideon Bragin	Tax	Sherrod Brown OH
Ginger Willson	Energy LA	Ben Sasse NE
Grant Cope	Senior Counsel	Committee on Environment and Public Works
Gray Maxwell	Energy LA	Benjamin Cardin MD
Greg Bringham	Legislative Assistant	Lisa Murkowski AK
Hamilton Bloom	Energy LA	Richard Shelby AL
Hannah Lockhart	Legislative Assistant	Mike Lee (UT)
Heath Hansen	Energy LA	Mike Lee UT
Henry Ring	Legislative Assistant	Jon Tester MT
Jackie Schmitz	Legislative Assistant	Bob Menendez NJ
Jake Springer	Legislative Assistant	Angus King (ME)
James Chang	Legislative Assistant	Brian Schatz HI
James Glueck	Legislative Assistant	Committee on Agriculture
James Moody	Legislative Assistant	Thad Cochran (MS)
James Williams	Tax	Orrin Hatch
Jan Brunner	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Janelle DiLuccia	Energy LA	Jon Tester MT

Jared Henderson	Legislative Assistant	Heidi Heitkamp ND
Jasmine Hunt	Legislative Assistant	Richard Durbin (IL)
Jason Tuber	Legislative Assistant	Bob Menendez NJ
Jen Burks	Legislative Assistant	Mazie Hirono HI
Jennie Wright	Energy LA	James Inhofe OK
Jessica Clowser	Energy LA	Deb Fischer NE
Jessica-Phillips Tyson	Legislative Assistant	Lindsey Graham SC
Jimmy Harris	Energy LA	John Boozman AR
Joe Boddicker	Energy LA	Dean Heller NV
Joe Donoghue	Energy LA	John McCain AZ
Joe Flarida	Legislative Assistant	Committee on Science
Joe McGarvey	Energy LA	Mazie Hirono HI
Joe Schultz	Professional Staff	Committee on Agriculture
Joel Wellum	Energy LA	Ben Sasse NE
John Haley	Legislative Assistant	Bob Corker TN
John McDonald	Energy LA	Richard Burr NC
John Starkey	Legislative Assistant	Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
John Tanner	Legislative Assistant	Orrin Hatch (UT)
Jon Abdnor	Energy LA	John Thune SD
Jonathan Black	Energy LA	Tom Udall NM
Jonathan McCracken	Legislative Assistant	Sherrod Brown OH
Jordan Baugh	Energy LA	Kirsten Gillibrand NY
Jordan Wells	Legislative Assistant	Gary Peters MI
Joseph Mendelson	Legislative Assistant	Committee on Environment and Public Works
Joseph Shultz	Professional Staff	Committee on Agriculture
Josephine Eckert	Energy LA	Patty Murray WA
Judd Gardner	Legislative Assistant	Jerry Moran KS
Julia Bradley-Cook	Science Fellow	Ron Wyden OR
Justin Memmott	Professional Staff	Committee on Environment and Public Works
Kaitlynn Glover	Legislative Assistant	John Barrasso WY
Kate Wolgemuth	Legislative Assistant	Dan Sullivan AK
Katelyn Conner	Energy LA	Mitch McConnell KY
Katie Stoughton	Counsel	Lindsey Graham (SC)
Katie Thomas	Energy LA	Bernard Sanders VT
Kayla Dolan	Energy LA	Thom Tillis NC
Kayla McMurry	Legislative Assistant	Lamar Alexander TN
Keith Castaldo	Legislative Assistant	Kirsten Gillibrand (NY)
Kellie Donnelly	Legislative Assistant	Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Ken Johnson	Energy LA	Mark Warner VA
Ken Reidy	Policy Director	Tammy Baldwin (WI)
Kevin Bailey	Professional Staff	Committee on Agriculture
Kevin Lefeber	Legislative Assistant	Richard Durbin
Kim Smaczniak	Counsel	Committee on Environment and Public Works
Kurt Kovarik	Legislative Assistant	Chuck Grassley (IA)
Kyle Varner	Policy Analyst	Committee on Agriculture
Laura Atcheson	Energy LA	John Cornyn TX
Laura Gillam	Legislative Assistant	Committee on Environment and Public Works
Lee Bobbitt	Legislative Assistant	Richard Burr NC
Liam Forsythe	Energy LA	Heidi Heitkamp ND
Lindsay Garcia	Energy LA	Lamar Alexander TN
Lisa Harst	Legislative Assistant	Tom Cotton (AR)
Livia Shmavonian	Tax	Bob Casey PA
Lucy Murfitt	Counsel	Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Luke Holland	Energy LA	James Inhofe OK
Mae Stevens	Environment	Benjamin Cardin MD
Malcolm McGeary	Energy LA	Ron Wyden OR
Mandy Gunasekara	Majority Professional Staff	Committee on Environment and Public Works
Mark Warren	Tax	John Thune
Mary Cromley	Energy LA	Johnny Isakson GA
Mary Frances Repko	Dep. Staff Director	Committee on Environment and Public Works
Mary Martha Henson	Energy LA	Thad Cochran MS
Matt Erickson	Legislative Assistant	Committee on Agriculture
Matt Rimkunas	Energy LA	Lindsey Graham SC
Matt Van Kuiken	Legislative Assistant	Debbie Stabenow (MI)
Maureen Downes	Tax	Mark Warner
Meghan Thacker	Energy LA	Steve Daines MT
Melanie Steele	Energy LA	Jim Risch ID
Meris Petek	Energy LA	Ron Johnson WI
Michael Bednarczyk	Energy LA	Christopher Murphy CT
Michael Obeiter	Energy LA	Brian Schatz HI
Michael Pawlowski	Chief of Staff	Lisa Murkowski AK
Michelle Corio	Legislative Assistant	Mike Rounds (SD)
Monica McGuire	Tax	Johnny Isakson GA
Morgan Carter	Legislative Assistant	Richard Shelby AL
Morgan Gray	Environment	Edward Markey MA

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Nabeel Alam	Energy LA	Tim Kaine VA
Natalie Burkhalter	Legislative Assistant	Rand Paul KY
Natalie Farr	Legislative Assistant	Cory Gardner CO
Natalie McIntyre	Energy LA	Mitch McConnell KY
Natasha Hickman	Tax	Richard Burr NC
Nathan Rider	Legislative Assistant	Chris Coons (DE)
Neil Chatterjee	Legislative Assistant	Mitch McConnell KY
Nichole Distefano	Energy LA	Claire McCaskill MO
Nick Barbash	Legislative Assistant	Tim Kaine VA
Nick Choate	Energy LA	Claire McCaskill MO
Nick Davis	Legislative Aide	Chuck Grassley (IA)
Nick Matiella	Legislative Assistant	John McCain AZ
Nick Sutter	Legislative Assistant	Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Nick Wyatt	Tax Counsel	Committee on Finance
Olivia Kurtz	Legislative Assistant	Susan Collins (ME)
Pam Thiessen	Energy LA	Rob Portman OH
Pat Souders	Energy LA	Richard Durbin (IL)
Patrick Bailey	Chief Counsel	Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Patrick Bond	Energy LA	Claire McCaskill MO
Patrick Donovan	Energy LA	Michael Bennet CO
Patrick Lehman	Legislative Assistant	Ben Sasse NE
Patrick Orth	Energy LA	Rob Portman OH
Peter Stegner	Energy LA	Mike Crapo ID
Philip Newman	Energy LA	Cory Gardner CO
Pierce Wiegard	Energy LA	Dan Sullivan AK
PJ Waldrop	Energy LA	David Perdue GA
Radha Adhar	Energy LA	Tammy Duckworth
Randy Herndon	Tax	Patrick Toomey
Rebecca Higgins	Professional Staff	Committee on Environment and Public Works
Rob Skjonsberg	Energy LA	Mike Rounds SD
Robert Diznoff	Legislative Director	Jeanne Shaheen NH
Robert Sneed	Energy LA	Richard Burr NC
Rosalyn Brummette	Legislative Assistant	Committee on Agriculture
Ryan Abraham	Tax Counsel	Committee on Finance
Ryan Berger	Legislative Director	Joni Ernst (IA)
Ryan Bernstein	Legislative Assistant	John Hoeven ND
Ryan Donnelly	Legislative Correspondent	John Thune (SD)
Sam Beaver	Legislative Assistant	John Cornyn
Sarah Schenning	Energy LA	Chris Van Hollen MD

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Zephrañie Buetow	Legislative Assistant	Gary Peters MI
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ATTACHMENT D

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

Iowa Renewable Fuels Association works to improve the economic viability and growth of the renewable fuels industry in Iowa, and supports the Tour to help improve biofuels policy and regulations.

National Biodiesel Foundation works to support and promote outreach, education, science, and demonstration activities for the advancement of biodiesel and its co-products to improve national security, air quality and the environment, and supports the Tour so policy makers can learn about biodiesel production.

Renewable Fuels Foundation works to meet the education, research, and strategic planning needs of the U.S. fuel ethanol industry, and supports the Tour to policy makers will better understand the role ethanol can play in our national energy policy.

Iowa Corn Growers Association works to support agricultural issues on behalf of members; whose mission is to create opportunities for Iowa corn grower profitability, and supports the Tour because growing value-added markets like biofuels vital to their members' future.

Iowa Soybean Association works to expand opportunities and deliver results for Iowa soybean farmers, and supports the Tour because growing value-added markets like biofuels vital to their members' future.

Iowa Biodiesel Board represents the biodiesel industry in Iowa, from production through distribution to end users; promoting the commercial success of biodiesel in Iowa, and supports the Tour to help improve biofuels policy and regulations.

Missouri Corn Growers Association works to support agricultural issues on behalf of its members, including promoting the production and use of renewable fuels, and supports the Tour because growing value-added markets like biofuels vital to their members' future.

North Dakota Ethanol Council brings together ethanol producers in North Dakota to help grow production and demand for ethanol, and supports the Tour to help improve biofuels policy and regulations.

Kansas Renew: brings together ethanol producers in Kansas to help grow production and demand for ethanol, and supports the Tour to help improve biofuels policy and regulations.

Farm Credit Services of America is a mission-driven financial cooperative, uniquely positioned to serve farmers, ranchers and rural Americans with a powerful business model, and supports the Tour because they finance renewable energy projects and have an overall concern regarding the economic health of rural America.

Renewable Fuels Nebraska: brings together ethanol producers in Nebraska to help grow production and demand for ethanol, and supports the Tour to help improve biofuels policy and regulations.

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Kansas Soybean Association serves as the voice and advocate for soybean-farmer-members, including expanding public awareness of the soybean markets, and supports the Tour because growing value-added markets like biofuels vital to their members' future.

Ames Chamber of Commerce strives to make Ames a better place to live, work, and do business by strengthening the economic vitality and the quality of life in the Ames community, and supports the Tour because a growing bioeconomy is central to the economic health of the Ames area.

Golden Grain Energy is a locally controlled business enterprise providing farmers and local investors with the chance to extract added value through ownership of an ethanol processing plant that can convert corn to higher value products, and supports the Tour to help improve biofuels policy and regulations.

Iowa Biotechnology Association seeks to promote the success and growth of biotech-based business in Iowa, ultimately securing our strong biotech economy while growing our business & increasing our influence nationally and around the globe, and supports the Tour to help improve biofuels policy and regulations.

Association Motor Club Marketing is on a mission to make the roadside a safer place when that unexpected happens. Given their wealth of customer data, AMCM endorses the use of renewable fuels and works to educate consumers about their benefits, and supports the Tour as an opportunity to educate policy-makers and regulators about the true operational benefits of biofuels.

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ATTACHMENT E

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

Iowa Renewable Fuels Association and Renewable Fuels Foundation have hosted the past 8 years' Biofuels: Science and Sustainability Tours.

National Biodiesel Foundation and Iowa Corn Growers Association have occasionally hosted congressional briefings, including the past 6 years' Biofuels: Science and Sustainability Tours.

Iowa Soybean Association and Iowa Biodiesel Board have occasionally hosted congressional briefings, including 4 previous Biofuels: Science and Sustainability Tours.

Missouri Corn Growers Association and Kansas Soybean Association have occasionally hosted congressional briefings, including the previous 2 years' Biofuels: Science and Sustainability Tour.

Renew Kansas and North Dakota Ethanol Council have sponsored the past 2 years' Biofuels: Science and Sustainability Tour.

Renewable Fuels Nebraska, Golden Grain Energy and Farm Credit Services of America sponsored 1 previous Biofuels: Science and Sustainability Tour.

Ames Chamber of Commerce and Association Motor Club Marketing are sponsoring their first Biofuels: Science and Sustainability Tour.

Iowa Biotechnology Association has occasionally hosted congressional briefings, but this is their first Biofuels: Science and Sustainability Tour.

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ATTACHMENT F

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

Iowa Renewable Fuels Association, Iowa Biodiesel Board, Renew Kansas, Renewable Fuels Nebraska, Iowa Biotechnology Association, and the North Dakota Ethanol Council host educational programs for their members and the public.

National Biodiesel Foundation develops and supports education and research projects consistent with the needs of the biodiesel industry.

Renewable Fuels Foundation develops ethanol curriculum and sponsors scholarships.

Iowa Corn Growers Association and Missouri Corn Growers conduct many activities to educate consumers and the public on corn issues.

Iowa Soybean Association and Kansas Soybean Association organizes many activities to educate consumers and the public on soybean issues.

Golden Grain Energy Energy participates in numerous industry events to educate the public, investors or policy makers about the issues facing renewable fuels. They also occasionally host plant tours for schools or the public.

Farm Credit Services of America conducts a community involvement program, which provides funding and resources to a variety of organizations that support agricultural causes. The program is focused on making a positive difference in the communities they serve.

Ames Chamber of Commerce conducts community outreach to businesses and people both in and outside of Ames to highlight the business and living environment provided by a city at the center of the high-tech ag world.

Association Motor Club Marketing participates in industry events and forums to discuss the safety, performance and reliability of using biofuels.

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ATTACHMENT G

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Aug. 14
Prairie Meadows Hotel
1 Prairie Meadows Drive
Altoona, IA 50009

Aug. 15
Historic Park Inn
7 West State Street
Mason City, IA 50401

Aug. 16
Gateway Hotel
2100 Green Hills Drive
Ames, IA 50014

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ATTACHMENT H

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

The hotels for Tuesday and Wednesday night are at the government rate of \$91.

The hotel for Monday night is at the rate of \$127. It should be noted that we hold the Tour each year during the week of the Iowa State Fair. The Fair represents an unparalleled opportunity to view a number of renewable fuels and agricultural exhibits in one location and to discuss the latest trends, research and practices with industry experts and Iowa's highest elected officials. However, the Fair attracts a large number of visitors to the city and area hotels sell out and charge their highest rates of the year. In addition, between congressional staff, Administration participants, and a handful of sponsoring organization staff, the Tour requires a room block of 40+ rooms. The typical per diem rate listed for Des Moines does not take into account the Fair and, just as important, that securing a 40+ room block can be difficult with the typical hotels in Des Moines. IRFA searched extensively in the Des Moines area for an affordable room block on August 14th. The Prairie Meadows Hotel listed in Attachment G was the best deal we could find. While the rate is higher than normal due to the fair, we were only able to get this good of rate because we hold another event at the hotel each January so they were willing to give us a good deal (considering the fair).

The estimated food costs are below the government per diem.

Even with the challenges of the Monday night hotel due to the fair, our estimated combined lodging and meal expenses are below the government per diem for the duration of the Tour.

Ans. A. L. L.

Name and Title: Kirk Leeds, Chief Executive Officer

Organization: Iowa Soybean Association

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Telephone Number: 515-334-1015

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Art Kestelley

Name and Title: Grant Kimberley, Executive Director

Organization: Iowa Biodiesel Board

Address: 1255 SW Prairie Trail Pkwy, Ankeny, IA 50023

Telephone Number: 515-334-1024

Fax Number: 515-334-1124

E-mail Address: grantk@iowabiodiesel.org

Deana Wise

Name and Title: Deana Wiese, Executive Director

Organization: North Dakota Ethanol Council

Address: PO Box 1091, Bismarck, ND 58502

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Ronald Chase

Name and Title: Ron Seeber, Vice President

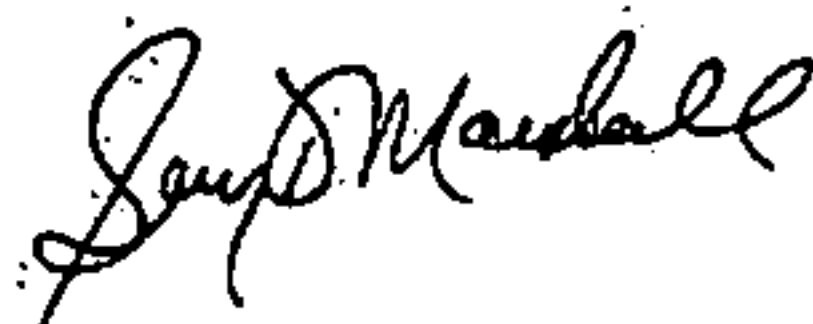
Organization: Renew Kansas

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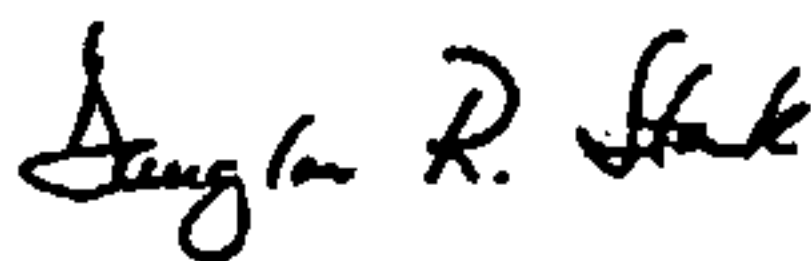
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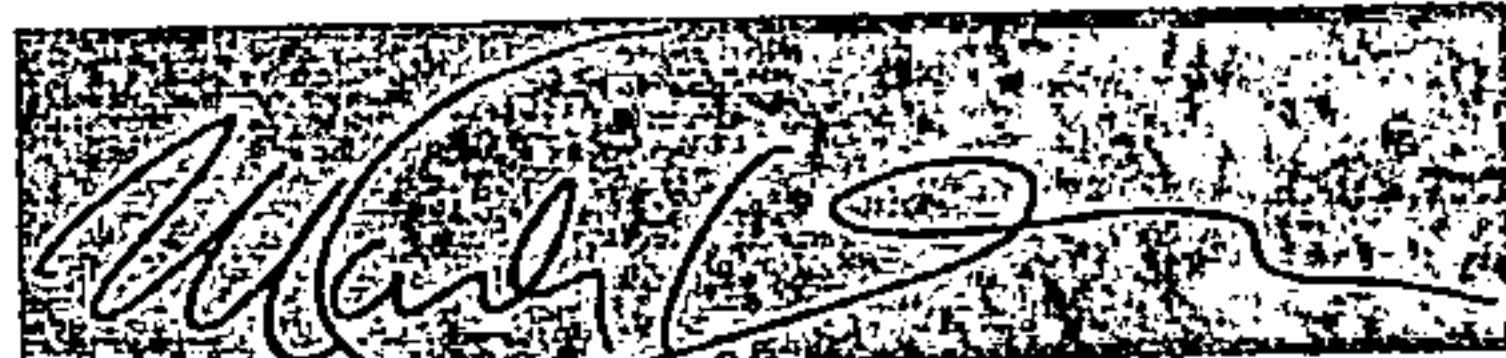
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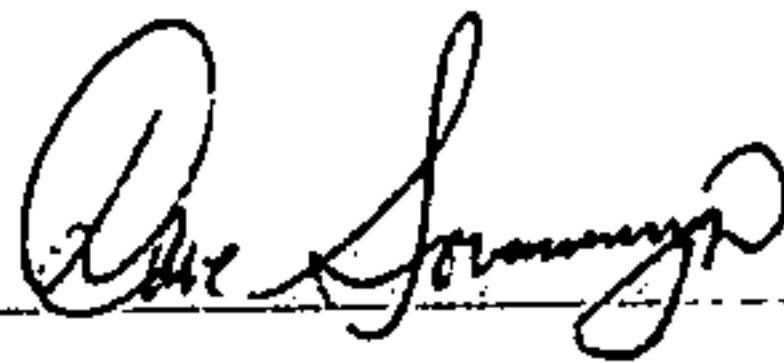
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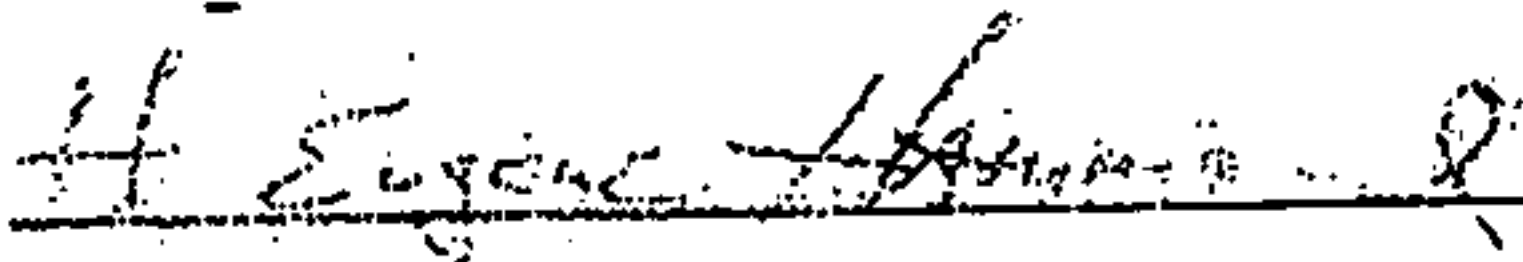
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9th Annual Biofuels

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Monday, Aug. 14

- 4:14 pm Arrive Des Moines airport, Delta Flight 2460/1532 from DC via Atlanta or
 4:35 pm Arrive Des Moines airport, Delta Flight 2997/3928 from DC via Detroit
 Met by bus
- 5:45 pm Depart hotel for State Fair
- 6:15 pm **Dinner at Iowa State Fair**
 Speakers: Iowa Lt. Governor Adam Gregg and Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey
- 7:30 pm Tour Iowa State Fair Agriculture and Renewable Fuels Exhibits
- 10:00 pm Depart for Prairie Meadows Hotel
 1 Prairie Meadows Drive, Altoona, IA 50009

Tuesday, Aug. 15

- 8:00 am Depart hotel
- 8:30 am **Tour Monsanto Huxley Learning Center**
 1551 IA-210, Huxley, Iowa
Topics: Interactive video tour covering – advances in seed technology, agronomic practices, and "big data" precision farming
- 10:30 am Depart
- 11:45 am **Tour of April Hemmes Family Farm**
 879 Mallard Ave, Hampton IA
Topics: April to discuss changes in farming, impact of biofuels/trade, future of ag

1:45 pm	Tour of DuPont Cellulosic Nevada (cellulosic ethanol plant/corn stover) 59219 W Lincoln Hwy, Nevada, IA <i>Topics: Update on plant operations and opportunities by DuPont Cellulosic Ethanol Commercial Leader Steven Ogle</i>
2:15 pm	Depart
2:30 pm	Tour of Good and Quick Fueling Station 519 Lincoln Hwy, Nevada, IA <i>Topics: Owner/operator Charlie Good will discuss why he offers various biofuels.</i>
3:00 pm	Depart
3:15 pm	Tour Couser Cattle Company 19568 620th Ave, Nevada, IA <i>Topics: Cattleman Bill Couser will discuss the use of biofuel coproducts in livestock feed rations.</i>
4:00 pm	Congressional Staff Roundtable (same location, no break) <i>Topics: IRFA's Monte Shaw moderates a roundtable where the latest policy updates on the RFS, tax and trade policy will be discussed.</i>
5:15 pm	"Ag Cave" presentation (same location, no break) <i>Topic: Bill Couser hosts the Tour attendees in his farmer version of a "man cave" inside a renovated century old barn. Bill will present an audio/video presentation on how farming has changed and what it means to rural America, focusing on the role biofuels has played.</i>
6:00 pm	Dinner with area famers/ranchers (paid for by Tour sponsors)
7:00 pm	Depart for hotel
Overnight	Ames/Gateway Hotel 2100 Green Hills Dr, Ames, IA

Thursday, Aug. 17

9:00 am	Depart hotel
9:30 am	Tour Iowa State University Sorenson Research Farm 2171 240th Street, Ames, IA 50014 <i>Topics: Miscanthus as dedicated energy crop by Dr. Emily Heaton, Associate Professor of Agronomy. Biochar by Professor David Laird</i>
10:30 am	depart

Date/Time Stamp:

EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220**. Incomplete and late travel submissions will **not** be considered or approved. This form **must** be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

Name of Traveler: Flin Hyre

Employing Office/Committee: Sen. Pat Roberts

Private Sponsor(s) (list all):

IA Renewable Fuels Assn, National Biodiesel Foundation, Renewable Fuels Foundation, IA Corn Growers Assn, IA Soybean Assn, IA Biodiesel Board, MO Corn Growers Assn, Renew Kansas, KS Soybean Assn, ND Ethanol Council, Renewable Fuels NE, Golden Grain Energy, Ames Chamber of Commerce, IA Biotechnology Assn, American Motor Club Marketing & Farm Credit Services of America

Travel date(s): August 14-17, 2017

*Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.*

Destination(s): Des Moines, Huxley, Mason City, Clear Lake, Nevada and Ames (in Iowa)

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

The Senate is currently considering policy matters that will impact the renewable fuels industry. As a Senate staffer who works on renewable energy issues, this tour will provide a hands-on, in-depth experience with state-of-the-art biofuels facilities, research facilities & farming operations that is not possible to achieve in Washington, DC.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): n/a

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:

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TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

I, Pat Roberts hereby authorize Flin Hyre
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box) ☐

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